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1. A benzene refinery has been built on the site of the former I.G. Farben Plant at Blachownia (Bechhammer), approximately 5 kms. northeast of Kedzierzyn. The plans for this refinery were formulated by the Central Planning Office of the Coal Industry (Centralne Biuro Projektow Przemyslu Weglowego) at Gliwice, by order of the Ministry of National Defence.<sup>1</sup>
2. The refinery was to start production in April 1952; the principle product will be toluene for the manufacture of Trinitrotoluene (Trotyl).
3. The building in which the refinery is located is approximately 25 m. x 60 m.

25X1 [redacted] Comment: The factory has a very convenient layout, in that it is near the Klodnick canal, communicating with Gliwice and the Odra (Oder) River.

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